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BRADLEY TAKES OVER AGRICULTURAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION DEPARTMENT

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners announced today that Anne Bradley has been appointed to be the agricultural liaison in the Frederick County <u>Business Development & Retention Department</u> of the Community Development Division.

Along with her new responsibilities, Ms. Bradley will continue to serve as land preservation program administrator in the division.

Board President Blaine Young said, "We are pleased to appoint someone with Anne's extensive experience to represent the best interests of the farmers and agricultural industry in Frederick County. The agricultural liaison position is very unique and is the direct link to many programs and businesses in the agricultural area. The relationships she has built in the community will serve us well as she takes over the work of planning, marketing and managing economic strategies to attract, retain and grow agribusiness in Frederick County. We encourage the farming and agriculture-related businesses to contact Anne for assistance with state and local laws and regulations, as well as to work with her on forming partnerships that will benefit our local economy.

"This board has built a great relationship with the agricultural community by listening to its concerns and making changes to make Frederick County more agriculturally friendly, as it is our number one industry in the county. We recognize that this position is extremely important to the agricultural community."

Ms. Bradley has served as land preservation program administrator since 2011, and previously served as agricultural preservation planner for five years. She holds a master of science degree in environmental biology from Hood College and a bachelor of arts degree in environmental policy and planning from Appalachian State University.

"I am very honored to increase my work representing the interests of the farming and agricultural industry. It is a very vibrant and exciting community and I look forward to taking on these new responsibilities," commented Ms. Bradley.

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